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SUBJECT: STATEMENT CIRCULATED BY GUINEAN EMBASSY IN
LAGOS DESCRIBING FORMER OAU SECRETARY GENERAL'S QUOTE
ENROLLMENT TO THE CIA UNQUOTE

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1. ON AUGUST 28, VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION IN GUINEA ANNOUNCED THAT QUOTE GUINEAN AMBASSADOR (TO U.S.) HABIB BAH WAS CONVOKED AUGUST 23 BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICA, TALCOTT SEELYE. IN THE NAME OF USG, MR. SEELYE CATEGORICALLY REFUTED THE DEPOSITION OF EX-MINISTER DIALLO TELLI AND QUALIFIED TELLI'S DECLARATIONS REGARDING THE UNITED STATES AS COMPLETELY FALSE UNQUOTE.

2. WE ASSUME THAT DOCUMENT CIRCULATED BY GUINEAN EMBASSY IN LAGOS WAS TRANSLATION OF TELLI CONFESSION PUBLISHED IN THE 29 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF HOROYA. IF QUERIED, EMBASSY LAGOS SHOULD STATE THAT THE CHARGES ARE COMPLETELY FALSE AND THAT THE GOG HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED OUR DENIAL OF TELLI'S CHARGES.

3. REQUEST ALL ADDRESSEES REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ANY FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT GOG STILL CIRCULATING CHARGES BY DIALLO

TELLI, FORMER GUINEAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND FORMER OAU SECRETARY GENERAL, THAT HE WAS RECRUITED BY THE CIA.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR BAH TO REQUEST EXPLANATION OF WHY GUINEAN EMBASSY IN LAGOS CIRCULATED TELLI CHARGES AFTER GOG ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR DENIAL. WHILE WE SUSPECT THAT THEIR EMBASSY IN LAGOS MAY BE DISTRIBUTING SENSATIONAL ITEM ROUTINELY DISTRIBUTED THROUGH GOG INFORMATION CHANNELS AFTER TRANSLATION, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO MAKE RECORD WITH GOG. APPARENTLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF USG DENIAL AUGUST 28 WAS NOT PUT INTO PRINT.

5. EMBASSY LAGOS: INFORM GUINEAN AMBASSADOR THAT TELLI CHARGES ARE FALSE AND THAT GOG HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED OUR REFUTATION OF THESE CHARGES.

6. EMBASSY CONAKRY MAY CONVEY OUR CONCERN TO GOG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

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